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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/720,791 filed on December 29, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| BASIC FEE | | | \$770.00 | \$385.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | + \$290.00 | + \$145.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$770.00 | \$0.00 |

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are twenty-two (22) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/720,791 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha, 22-22, Nagaike-cho, Abeno-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 9b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP99/03513 filed on June 30, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

and Japanese Application Nos. 10-187056 filed in Japan on July 2, 1998 and 10-187057 filed in Japan on July 2, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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12. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/720,791 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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